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AIRCRAFT IN EUROPE

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1. PARA 8 OF REFTTEL REFERS TO PRESENT USAF PLANS FOR
DEPLOYMENT OF THREE US E-3AS TO EUROPE ON A PERMANENT
BASIS BEGINNING IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY-78. NOTWITH-
STANDING ITS SECRET/NORN CLASSIFICATION, WE ARE CON-
CERNED THAT THIS INFORMATION COULD BECOME KNOWN TO OUR
ALLIES BETWEEN NOW AND A FINAL DECISION ON THE NATO AWACS
PROGRAM, AND THUS PREJUDICE A FAVORABLE NATO DECISION ON
THAT PROGRAM. ALLIES COULD ARGUE (AS SOME OF THEM HAVE
TENDED TO BELIEVE SECRETLY ANYHOW) THAT THE US WILL TAKE
CARE OF EUROPE'S AEW NEEDS, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE CONSIS-
TENTLY SAID UP TO NOW THAT US AWACS AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED

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FOR PROTECTION OF US FORCES IN EUROPE AND TO MEET US NEEDS
IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING THE RATIONALE FOR THIS
SPECIFIC PLAN, OF WHICH WE WERE NOT AWARE. BENNETT

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